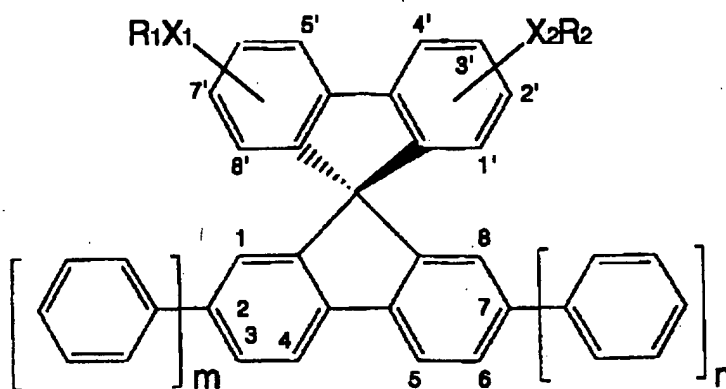


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 4 and 5 and amend Claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A bisphenylene-spirobifluorene compound defined by the following formula:



wherein R_1 and R_2 are identical or different and are independently a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, X_1 and X_2 are ~~independently one element selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si and Ge,~~ and m and n are integers from 1 to 4.

2. (Previously Amended) The bisphenylene-spirobifluorene compound according to claim 1, wherein X_1R_1 and X_2R_2 are at 1', 6'-positions.
3. (Original) The bisphenylene-spirobifluorene compound according to claim 1, wherein X_1R_1 and X_2R_2 are at 3', 6'-positions.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) An electroluminescence (EL) material comprising the bisphenylene-spirobifluorene compound claimed in any one of claims 1 through 3.

7. (Original) The EL material according to claim 6, wherein the bisphenylene-spirobifluorene compound is contained in an amount of 10% by weight or more.

8. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescence (EL) device comprising:
a cathode;
an anode; and
a light-emitting layer interposed between the cathode and the anode and ~~the bisphenylene-spirobifluorene~~ containing the bisphenylene-spirobifluorene compound as claimed in one of claims 1 through 3.

9. (Original) The EL device according to claim 8, wherein the bisphenylene-spirobifluorene compound is contained in the light emitting layer in an amount of 10% to 100% by weight.